

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Reniero et al.
Appl. No.: PCT/EP00/01797
Filed: March 2, 2000
Title: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING
DIARRHOEA
Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown
Docket No.: 112843-031

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
5,837,238	11/17/98	Casas et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
0 577 903	1/12/94	Europe
95/33046	12/7/95	WIPO
98/06411	2/19/98	WIPO
0 861 905	9/2/98	Europe
99 29833	6/17/99	WIPO

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Prasad, J. et al., "Selection and characterization of Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium strains for use as probiotics," International Dairy Journal, Vol. 8, No. 12, 1998, pp 993-1002.

Miettinen, M. et al., "Lactobacilli and Streptococci Induce Interleukin-12 (IL-12), IL-18, and Gamma Interferon Production in Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells," Infection and Immunity, December 1998, pp 6058-6062.

Tuomola, E. et al., "Adhesion of some probiotic and dairy Lactobacillus strains to Caco-2 cell cultures," International Journal of Food Microbiology, Vol. 41, 1998, pp 45-51.

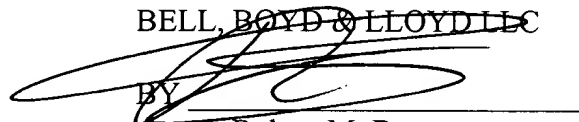
Kaila, M. et al., "Viable versus inactivated lactobacillus strain GG in acute rotavirus diarrhoea," Archives of Disease in Childhood, Vol. 72, No. 1, 1995, pp 51-53.

Majamaa, H. et al., "Lactic Acid Bacteria in the Treatment of Acute Rotavirus Gastroenteritis," Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Vol. 20, 1995, pp 333-338.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC



Robert M. Barrett
Reg. No. 30,142
P.O. Box 1135
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135
Phone: (312) 807-4204

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Docket Number (Optional)

112843-03

Application Number

PCT/EP00/01797

Applicant(s)

Reniero et al.

09/936543

Filing Date

2 March 2000

Group Art Unit

Unknown

*EXAMINER
INITIAL

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

B1

Tuomola, E. et al., "Adhesion of some probiotic and dairy Lactobacillus strains to Caco-2 cell cultures," International Journal of Food Microbiology, Vol. 41, 1998, pp 45-51.

B2

Kaila, M. et al., "Viable versus inactivated lactobacillus strain GG in acute rotavirus diarrhoea," Archives of Disease in Childhood, Vol. 72, No. 1, 1995, pp 51-53.

B3

Majamaa, H. et al., "Lactic Acid Bacteria in the Treatment of Acute Rotavirus Gastroenteritis," Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Vol. 20, 1995, pp 333-338.

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP Section 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.